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Date: June 1, 1951

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Major General W. G. Wyman

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: OTTO SKORZENY
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DR 6-207

Reference is made to my letter dated May 16, 1951 and prior communications concerning above captioned subject. Transmitted herewith for your information is one photostatic copy each of the documents listed as follows:

1) Memorandum from Harold I. Baynton, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Office of Alien Property to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated May 15, 1951, subject, E. H. Smith, Meeting House Road, New Hope, Pa.

2) Letter dated January 23, 1951, from E. P. Dutton & Company, Incorporated, 300 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, to Mr. E. H. Smith, Meeting House Road, New Hope, Pa.

3) Letter dated April 25, 1951 to Mr. Elliott Macrae, President of E. P. Dutton & Company, Incorporated from Otto Skorzeny.

4) Letter dated April 30, 1951 from E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated to Mr. Harold I. Baynton, Director, Office of Alien Property.

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Attached for your information are copies of the following letters:

1) Letter dated January 23, 1951 from E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc., [redacted], to Mr. E. H. Smith, [redacted], New York, N.Y.

2) Letter dated April 25, 1951 to Mr. Elliott Thurston, president of E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. from Otto Sherman, and

3) Letter dated April 30, 1951 from E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. to this Office.

We understand that Otto Sherman, who was head of the German Commandos during World War II, [redacted] Service, [redacted] the West German Government) and representatives of the State Department have requested that we pass on to them any information we may obtain as to his present whereabouts. The letter of April 25, 1951 from Sherman to Mr. Elliott Thurston indicates that Sherman is or was residing in Spain, and we have so informed the State Department. It appears from the letter of January 23, 1951 from E. P. Dutton & Co. Inc. to the subject person (a copy of which was forwarded to this Office by E. P. Dutton & Co. Inc. with its letter of April 30) that Mr. E. H. Smith has been acting on behalf of or purporting to represent Sherman in the United States.

We are sending you this information for whatever use you may wish to make of it.

Harold I. Baynton

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January 23, 1951

Mr. E. P. Smith
Meeting House Road
New Hope, Pa.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mrs. Suzanne Galambos has referred to me the matter of your telephone request of yesterday. Our contract for the publication of the book SECRET MISSIONS by Otto Skorzeny is with the French publishing house Flammarion. Naturally we are accountable to them by virtue of the contractual relationship. In the event you have any power of attorney that would supercede this arrangement we will be glad to review them and if found acceptable and in accordance with our requirements we perhaps could make some payments as you suggest. Without these documents we can do nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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Dipl. Ing. Otto Skorzeny April 25th, 1951.

Mr. Elliott Thorpe
President of E.P.Dutton & Co. Inc.
300 Fourth Ave.
New York 10 N. Y.

Dear Mr. President,
I was on a trip, therefore I received your letter from the 23.1.51 directed to my friend Mr. E. H. Smith only now. I assume, that you have no knowledge of the circumstances, which led to the selling of my book from Flammarion to Dutton & Co.-I got the advice from my germin lawyer, with whom I talked over the situation, to write to you and to try to come to a friendly agreement with you, which I hope we will. So I will explain the whole situation to you:
My former book-agent Mr. R. Laroye, a belgian national embezzled till June 1950 from my conto at Flamarions over 2000$ and furthermore he signed contracts he was not entitled to do, without asking beforhand for my permission. For this reason my lawyer Dr. Caemmerer, Karlsruhe, canceled in June 1950 the till then legal contract between Mr. Laroye and myself. Inspite of this, Mr. Laroye signed more contracts with Flamarion although he knew it was fraud. So for instance with Destino in Spain and with you, the edition Dutton for U.S.A. When I heard these facts middle of September 1950 I telephoned immidiately with Mr. Richehoffer from the Edition Flammarion and explained to him that I was notagreeing to the contracts for the USA and for Spain and that Mr. Laroye, as Mr. Richehoffer knew, had not had the right to sign any more contracts for me. I specially stressed the point, that I had only given my permission for a strong shortening of the original manuscript(800 pages) solely for the french language. I did not at all agree for the translation of the french edition into any other language.
The illegal settlement Flamarion-Dutton means not only an avoidable loss of 25% for me (which I have to pay to Flamarion) but also the exchange, as in future I will only receive not very valuable French francs. In reality Flamarion did even not up till now pay me my share of your advance payment.
In the last time I read several critics of the american edition which all stressed the point, that it is bad and not to understand, that the american edition has been translated from the french. I want to ask you now urgently, if there should be a second edition to close a contract with me personally and to take as a base for the new translation the german edition "Geheimkommando Skorzeny", 420 pages, Hansa Verlag I.P. Toth, Hamburg. or if you like the original manuscript (about 800 pages). I think it will be a better business for you and for me.
Furthermore I ask you urgently to let me know exactly, how the "power of attorney" should be, which you asked for in your letter from January 23th 51. In any case I have the right to dispose

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To your further information: The film rights in all countries are only in my hands.-Please let me know if any american newspaper printed any parts of the books.
Up till now I have not seen your edition. Please send some books to the later mentioned address.
Please send your answer direct to my friend:
Senor Don Frederico Rummel, Madrid, Ibiza 39.
there I will get your letter in the shortest time.
I hope to get soon a favourable answer from you.

Sincerely yours

(signed) OTTO SKORZENY

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E.P.DUTTON & Co. Inc.
300 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

April 30, 1951

Mr. Harold I. Baynton
Director, Office of Alien Property
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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SKORZENY'S SECRET MISSIONS
Vesting Order No. 17366

Dear Mr. Baynton:

The Office of Alien Property, Department of Justice, issued a Vesting Order No. 17366 in connection with literary property of the work by Otto Skorzeny. Later we executed a contract with the Department of Justice providing for royalty payments to your office. As I understand it, the Department of Justice investigated Otto Skorzeny before making this determination. I further understand that your office expects us to keep you fully informed of any dealings we have with Otto Skorzeny. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated April 25, 1951 which we received from Otto Skorzeny today. This letter was apparently written to us as a result of a telephone call we received from a Mr. E. H. Smith, Meeting House Road, New Hope, Pa. We also enclose a copy of our letter of January 23, 1951, addressed to Mr. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

E. P. DUTTON & CO. INC.

/s/ John P. Dunning

Treasurer

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